

Whereas the University of Iowa men's wrestling team was ranked number 1 in the Nation upon entering the tournament;

Whereas the Hawkeyes are back-to-back champions and have won 22 national wrestling titles in the program's history;

Whereas on March 9, 2009, the Hawkeyes won their second straight Big Ten Championship;

Whereas University of Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands has led the team to 2 straight victories in only 3 years as head coach;

Whereas the Hawkeyes finished the regular season undefeated for the 12th time in as many years; and

Whereas University of Iowa students, alumni, faculty, and fans are committed to keeping alive the tradition of wrestling in Iowa and bringing pride to the State of Iowa as well as the University of Iowa: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Iowa Hawkeyes for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements and efforts of the wrestlers, coaches, fans, and staff that helped the team to achieve this significant victory.

#### CONGRATULATING MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 96, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read the resolution as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 96) congratulating the Morningside College women's basketball team for winning the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 96) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 96

Whereas on March 17, 2009, at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, Iowa, the Morningside College Mustangs won the national title game for the NAIA Division II women's basketball with a 68-63 win over the Hastings College Broncos;

Whereas Morningside College Mustangs captured the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) championship title with an 18-0 record;

Whereas Morningside College women's basketball Head Coach Jamie Sale was named NAIA Division II Coach of the Year;

Whereas 7 members of the Morningside College women's basketball team were

named 2009 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes for maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.50 and having at least a junior academic status: Cara Anderson, Autumn Bartel, Emily Christen, Sarah Culp, Mackenzie Mendlik, Roni Miller, and Brittany Williamson;

Whereas Autumn Bartel, a senior guard for Morningside College, was named Most Valuable Player of the NAIA Division II tournament;

Whereas Dani Gass, a senior guard for Morningside College, was named NAIA Division II Player of the Year;

Whereas the Morningside College women's basketball team was the unanimous number 1 vote in the final NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, receiving 312 points and all 12 first place votes; and

Whereas the Mustangs finished the 2009 season with an undefeated record of 38-0, and was only the second team in NAIA Division II history to do so: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Morningside College Mustangs for winning the NAIA Division II national championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff whose hard work and dedication helped the Morningside College Mustangs win the championship.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, under an agreement reached earlier today, when the Senate resumes consideration of the budget resolution tomorrow, 20 hours of the statutory time remains, with each side controlling 10 hours.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator CARPER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### THE BUDGET

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise this evening to address, as others have today, the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution that is currently being considered by this body. We take up this budget under the specter of—some would say gloomy, some would say perilous—economic conditions amidst a credit crisis that threatens long-term damage to our economy—not just to the economy in our country but to economies all over the world. As a result, this budget is very likely probably not the most important vote we cast in the time we serve here but certainly one of the most important we will vote on this year, and maybe in this Congress.

I wish to begin this evening by reminding my colleagues—I know we have been reminded already today and we will be reminded tomorrow—that our friend, former colleague, Barack Obama, took office just 70 days or so ago. Not since the inauguration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt has an American President inherited such far-reaching economic turmoil and been asked to do so much in such a short period of time.

Over these last 10 weeks, President Obama has become very well acquainted with the economic mess he inherited from the previous administration. On the day his predecessor took office—this was about 8 years ago—our Federal Government enjoyed multibillion-dollar surpluses as far as the eye could see. We were on track, believe it or not, if you recall, on track to actually pay down our national debt, which at the time was a little under \$6 trillion. Since then, sadly, we have seen those surpluses disappear, and they have been replaced instead by the largest budget deficits I think we have witnessed in our country's history. In fact, we ran up as much new debt in the last 28 years as I think we did in the first 220 years of our Nation's history.

When President Bush left office earlier this year, our Nation and the new President were left—and us, here in the Senate and the House—to bear the cost of two wars, tax cuts that tend to favor the wealthiest among us, an increase of more than 50 percent in Government spending, and \$10.6 trillion in debt. Again, that is roughly twice what former President Bush inherited on his first day on the job.

The fact is that our badly damaged credit system, our banking system, along with rising unemployment numbers and a contracting economy, have threatened to reduce future revenues to the point where the burgeoning budget deficits of the last 8 years could become a permanent fixture if we are not careful.

The damage of these potential deficits cannot be overlooked. I believe the deficits matter. I think our Presiding Officer knows the deficit matters—it matters for all of us.

Last year, American taxpayers paid some quarter of a trillion dollars, \$250